

(g) to (i) There is no such proposal at present as the size of issue of waiting list tickets has already been reduced w.e.f. 1st July, 1996.

Identifications of Drought-Hit Districts

1495. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the districts which have been identified as drought-hit this year in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the special Central assistance sought and provided as drought relief measures, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) :

(a) The States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa had reported drought conditions during 1996-97. Based on the information furnished by the State Governments, a list of affected districts prepared, is given as Statement-I. No reports of drought condition has so far been received from any State during the current year.

(b) State Governments are required to undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought, out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) which is contributed by Central and State Government in the ratio of 75:25. Statement-II indicating Statewise allocation of CRF for the years 1995-96 to 1999-2000 is enclosed. Additional assistance is provided to the States in the event of calamity of rare

severity from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR). During 1996-97 request for additional assistance in the wake of drought was received from the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

An amount of Rs. 570.70 crores was sought by the Government of Orissa and Rs. 201.00 crores by Government of Madhya Pradesh for drought relief measures. An amount of Rs. 54.00 crores was release to the Government of Orissa from the NFCR during 1996-97.

Statement-I

List of drought affected districts

1. **Madhya Pradesh (9)**
Balaghat, Raipur, Durg, Seoni, Rajgarh, Rajnandgaon, Jhabua, Jabalpur and Raigarh.
2. **Maharashtra (7)**
Raigad, Dhule, Ahmednagar, Sangli, Bhandara, Chandrapur and Gadchiroli.
3. **Orissa (18)**
Bolangir, Balasore, Bhadrak, Boudh, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jagatsinghpur, Jharsunguda, Kalahandi, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Nabarangpur, Nayagarh, Nuapada, Puri and Rayagada.
4. **Gujarat (6)**
Kachchh, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Surendranagar and Banaskantha.

Statement-II

Annexure II referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1495 for reply on 31.7.1997

Calamity Relief fund for 1995-2000

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total 1995-2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Andhra Pradesh	11721	12419	13105	13773	14359	65377
2. Arunachal Pradesh	664	704	743	781	813	3705
3. Assam	4720	5001	5277	5547	5783	26328
4. Bihar	4904	5196	5483	5763	6007	27353
5. Goa	101	107	113	119	124	564
6. Gujarat	13176	13960	14731	15483	16140	73490
7. Haryana	2365	2505	2644	3779	2897	13190
8. Himachal Pradesh	2544	2695	2844	2989	3116	14188
9. Jammu & Kashmir	1860	1971	2079	2184	2279	10374
10. Karnataka	3949	4185	4416	4641	4839	22030

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11. Kerala		5229	5540	5847	6144	6405	29165
12. Madhya Pradesh		4821	5108	5389	5665	5905	26888
13. Maharashtra		6437	6820	7197	7564	7885	35903
14. Manipur		235	248	261	275	287	1306
15. Meghalaya		263	279	295	309	323	1469
16. Mizoram		120	127	133	140	147	667
17. Nagaland		160	171	180	188	196	895
18. Orissa		4625	4901	5172	5436	5667	25801
19. Punjab		5111	5415	5715	6005	6261	28507
20. Rajasthan		16899	17904	18893	19856	20700	94252
21. Sikkim		444	471	497	523	544	2479
22. Tamil Nadu		5602	5935	6263	6583	6863	31245
23. Tripura		424	449	475	499	520	2367
24. Uttar Pradesh		11809	12512	13203	13876	14467	65867
25. West Bengal		4844	5132	5416	5692	5933	27017
Total		113026	119755	126371	132815	138460	630427

[Translation]

Iron Ore Reserves

1496. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is every possibility of locating iron ore reserves from the hilly area of Bhurkud and Kandwani of Pandaria Tehsil of Bilaspur district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the quantum of iron ore likely to be extracted; and

(d) if not, the time by which the survey work is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Indian Bureau of Mines has no information on location of iron ore reserves in the hilly area of Bhurkud and Kandwani of Pandaria Tehsil of Bilaspur district in Madhya Pradesh. However, as per Geological Survey of India (GSI) incidence of iron ore in these areas is not unlikely.

(b) GSI has no proposal to conduct any survey work in these areas during the current or next field season.

(c) and (d) Not applicable.

Setting up of Power Projects in MP and UP

1497. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up power projects with latest technology in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) for power sector is under finalisation by Planning Commission.

[English]

T.V. Studio at Vijaywada

1498. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a television production centre is being set up at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) when the foundation stone was laid and the present stage of construction work;